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on the principal stage road to Vincennes. The general plan of study is accommodated to the circumstances of the preachers of the gospel and to the wants of the country. Ministers, who have families, and those who are somewhat advanced in life, may attend the Institution, as may suit their convenience. It is established on liberal principles, though under the particular control of the Baptist denomination. There are two departments. 1. A high school, conducted on the general plan of a New England academy. 2. A theological department, designed for preachers of the gospel, of any age. As soon as circumstances will allow, a regular classical and theological education will be pursued. The whole expenses for an individual for a year is about \$50. Rev. John M. Peck is Professor of Christian Theology. Volumes in the library, 1,200. Number of scholars, about 50. Three sessions, one of 15 weeks, two of 14 each.

ILLINOIS COLLEGE, AT JACKSONVILLE.—Founded in 1829. Funds, \$13,000. About 15 or 20 students have joined the Institution. Rev Edward Beecher, late minister of Park st. church, in Boston, is President.

GENERAL EDUCATION.—The same provisions have been made for schools as in the other Western States. In addition to a thirty-sixth of the whole of public lands, three per cent. on all the sales of public lands are added to the school fund. One sixth part of the school fund, and two entire townships, are devoted to the support of an University.

(From The American Quarterly Register, May, 1833.)

EDUCATION IN ILLINOIS.

A thirty-sixth part of each township is granted for the support of schools; and three per cent of the net proceeds of the United States lands, sold within the State, is appropriated for the encouragement of learning, of which a sixth part is required to be bestowed on a college or university. A further provision has been made for a univer-

sity, by the grant of two townships of land by the United States. An "Illinois institute of education," was lately formed at Vandalia, *Illinois College*, at Jacksonville. Rev. Edward Beecher, president; Rev. J. M. Sturtevant, professor of mathematics and natural philosophy; Rev. W. Kirby, professor of Latin and Greek; Erastus Colton, preparatory department. About \$46,000 have been raised in the East and West, toward founding this institution. The building will accommodate 100 students. A philosophical apparatus, worth \$600 or \$800 has been procured. A president, two professors, and an instructor in the preparatory department have been provided. The college stands on a rising ground, in front of which is a beautiful prairie of 13,000 acres, or 20 square miles of the richest soil. At *Alton*, Madison county, an institution for the Baptists is about to be commenced. The library, and other property at Rock Spring will be procured. An organized college of the first order, it is intended soon to establish. Instruction, we believe, has been already commenced. Two or three other institutions are contemplated.

FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CHICAGO.

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The following well merited commendation of the Public School system of this city, we take from the Daily Chicago *Journal*. We hope the present liberal policy will not only be continued, but that the time will soon come when the system shall be completed by the institution of a noble *Free Academy*, which shall bear the same relation to our Public Schools, that the Free Academy of New York does to hers.

"It is with a feeling of gratification, somewhat akin to pride, that we refer to the six Public Schools, that in the best sense of the word now adorn our city.